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Dear Exit Sign Manufacturer or Other Interested Party:

EPA is pleased to submit the Final Draft Version 3.0 specification for ENERGY STAR® qualified Exit Signs for your review. This six-page document outlines the product criteria and testing procedure that manufacturers will need to abide by in order to qualify products as ENERGY STAR.

Overall, the comments received on the Draft 2 specification were supportive. You will find that this Final Draft very closely resembles the Draft 2 specification. To assist you in reviewing the important changes, a Summary of Changes document is provided for your reference. In addition, you may visit the ENERGY STAR Web site at www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment to review all comments received on Draft 2

In approximately three weeks, EPA will issue a Final Specification in a slightly modified format from this Final Draft. In the Final Specification, explanatory text boxes will be removed, and content addressing Partner Commitments such as labeling requirements will be included. EPA is providing stakeholders with a final opportunity to review the content in this Final Draft. If there are any last minute questions concerning the Final Draft, please send them urgently. Questions should be directed to Darcy Hoffmeyer of ICF Consulting at dhoffmeyer@icfconsulting.com.

Following release of the Final Specification, existing and prospective partners will be provided with detailed guidance for submitting qualified product data.

Again, we extend our most sincere gratitude for the support and feedback stakeholders have provided during this process. The thoughtful comments received from industry were crucial to the development of this specification.

Respectfully,

Andrew Fanara

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ENERGY STAR for Exit Signs